

BEARWOOD NEWS



Friday 13th March 2026



A message from Ms Alder



Dear Families

We really have had an extremely busy week at Bearwood!

Last Friday, Red Squirrel Class and Hedgehog Class got to enjoy a special Roman workshop, which was so fascinating. The children were able to find out even more for their topic on Roman Britain.

We have had Science Week this week, and the children enjoyed taking part in science experiments.

The Book Fair has been in operation, and we thank all our families who have come to purchase books. Today is the last chance to have a look!

Fox Class really enjoyed their 'grown up' school trip to the Milestones Museum. They found out more about how life in Britain has changed since their grandparents' day. They took part in a workshop on how homes have changed since the 1950s.

Our football team played against Nine Mile Ride School, and won 2-1. Congratulations to our Bears!

Our brilliant PTA put on the Nearest and Dearest room this week. Children carefully chose their special gifts. Thank you to the PTA for your creativity, time and effort - it is really appreciated by everyone.

We had a special assembly delivered by Jo Dixon from Wokingham Children's Services and Destiny Nicholls, who has written 'Black Hair and Skin Guide' for foster parents of Black children. They talked about how there are different types of families. They also presented a special prize to Salena in Red Squirrel Class for her beautiful poem about her pride in her afro hair, which has been included in the guide. If you would like a copy of the guide emailed to you, please ask the school office.

We had a fire drill today, and all of the children did really well - evacuating the building in less than 2 minutes.

Next week is Neurodiversity Celebration Week. We will have a special whole school assembly on Monday. This will be followed by activities throughout the week in every class. At Bearwood, we want to be very strong in our inclusion of children who are neurodivergent. Our ongoing work with the PINS Project is helping us with this.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Funmi Alder
Headteacher.

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Value for the term - Empathy



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Human morality is
unthinkable without
empathy.

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Events

- **19th March:** EID Assembly
- **20th March:** Prospective Parent Tour
- **27th March:** Attendance Awards
- **27th March:** Last day of term
2pm finish
- **27th March:** Easter Bonnet Parade
- **13th April:** Children Return
- **16th April:** Vaisakhi Assembly
- **23rd April:** Red Squirrel Class Assembly at 9am
- **30th April:** Beaver Class Assembly at 9am

A sad Farewell!



After 9 years at Bearwood, 4 of which have been as Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Haden has secured a promotional position for herself at a school in Reading. She will be leaving Bearwood to take up her new post after the Easter break. Mrs Haden has played a pivotal role in Bearwood's journey, and will be missed by all of us. However, we wish her well in her new exciting role. Mrs Haden's last day with us will be Friday 27th March.

WEEKLY AWARDS



Growth Mindset Award ★

Fox Class - **Lucas N** 'for using super determination when writing about 1940's washing machines'

Beaver Class - **Jacob** 'for determination in sewing and never giving up.'

Red Squirrel Class - **Lee** 'for always being ready to learn'

Hedgehog Class - **Kiana** 'for her determination and self-belief, having a go at the school production.'

Badger Class - **Zac** 'for challenging himself with his writing.'

Otter Class - **Chace** 'for consistently challenging himself in all of his learning.'

Grey Wolf Class - **Shanzay** 'for settling into her first week at Bearwood. She has shown great enthusiasm for everything we do and participated with 100 effort.'

PE Award ★

Fox Class - **Lucas L** 'for fantastic leaf dancing - super twirling and zig zagging.'

Beaver Class - **Edith** 'for encouraging her pair when mirroring in PE - Well done!'

Red Squirrel Class - **Remy** 'for fantastic defending in tag rugby.'

Hedgehog Class - **Aris** 'for good throwing and catching co-ordination in rugby.'

Badger Class - **Robin L** 'for participating as part of a small team.'

Otter Class - **Oliver** 'for his enthusiasm and challenging himself to pass the rugby ball correctly'

Grey Wolf Class - **Toby** 'for participating in Tag rugby, he listened well and followed the rules well.'

Writer of the week ★

KS1 - **Gracie** 'for writing a fantastic recount of our trip to Milestones. Wonderful golden sentences too!'

LKS2 - **Nathan** 'for having a good go at applying his writing skills across the curriculum.'

UKS2 - **Ella-Grace** 'for challenging herself to up lever her writing.'

Attendance Award ★

Fox Class - 93.47%

Beaver Class - 93.03%

Red Squirrel Class - 96.57%

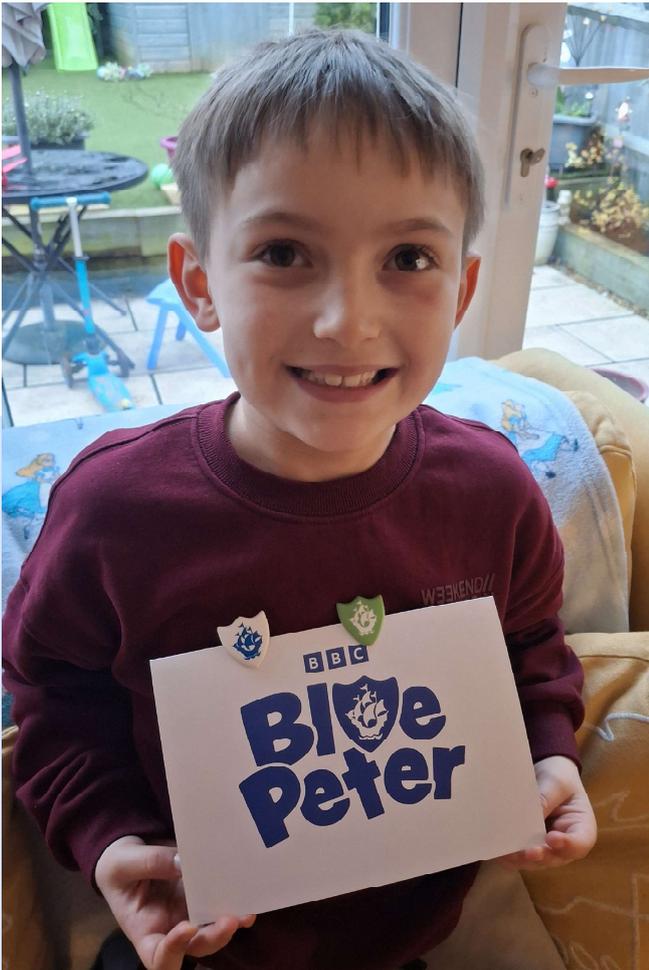
Hedgehog Class - 94.73%

Badger Class - 96.64%

Otter Class - 97.42% **(Winner)**

Grey Wolf Class - 95.84%

WEEKLY SUPERSTAR



This week Lee in Year 3 Red Squirrel Class, has earned his second Blue Peter Badge.

★ **Well done Lee!**

Would you like to star in our next newsletter? ★

If you would like your child to star in our next week's Newsletter, please email a photo and a brief description of your child's achievements into the school office.

OFFICE NOTICES



Thank You ★

A huge 'Thank You' to First Days Charity who donated a wooden play house to our EYFS Setting.

The children absolutely love it.

PTA ★

A huge Thank You to our PTA team who organised our annual 'Nearest & Dearest' room. They sold over 170 gifts!

Reminder ★

Friday 27th March 2026

All children will finish at 2pm on the last day of term.

Children will return Monday 13th April.

Important Reminders ★

- **Year 6 Cuffley** - Final balance due 10th April
- **Tuesday 19th May - Class Photographs**
- **Summer Term Clubs** - All Parents should now have received our Club Letter for the Summer Term - Please book via your Arbor App. Club places are allocated on a first come first serve basis.

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



EYFS Team



It has been a super week in EYFS! The children are loving our focus story of 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra and Paul Lynett.

You can listen to a version here:

<https://youtu.be/QlaMeNmTG6c>

The children in Reception have used the story in Drawing Club to create a villainous lair for Evil Pea and thinking about how we all have Superpowers such as kindness that we can use everyday . They have also been creating their own comic strips using Superheroes.

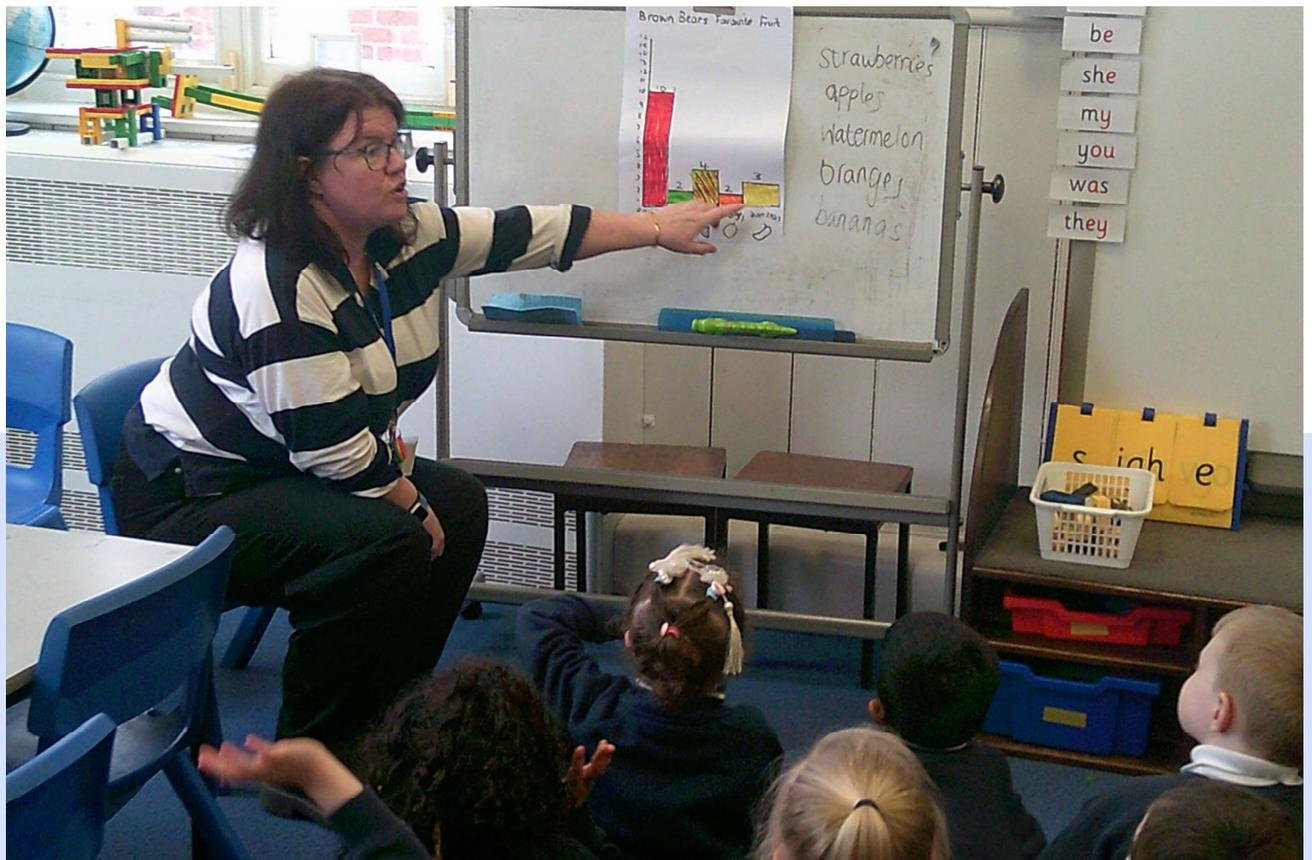
The Nursery children are enjoying the challenges set by The Evil Pea, I wonder if they can tell you all about them at home?

We are looking forward to our joint stay and play on Monday. (9.00am until 9.45am) This will take place in the school hall. Please come via the school office to sign in first and then join us for some simple activities, songs and sweet treats.



Class reminders

- Monday 23rd March Stay & Play Session - 9am - 9.45am



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 1- Fox Class



Year 1 had an exciting trip to Milestones Museum on Wednesday. The trip was part of our 'Britain in our Grandparents Day' topic and the children had an opportunity to explore different rooms set up from the past and take part in two workshops all about games and toys from the past, as well as what homes were like.

Also for 'British Science Week' we have been learning: 'How do bees help flowers?'



Class reminders

- Thursday 25th June - Class Assembly - 9am



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 2 - Beaver Class

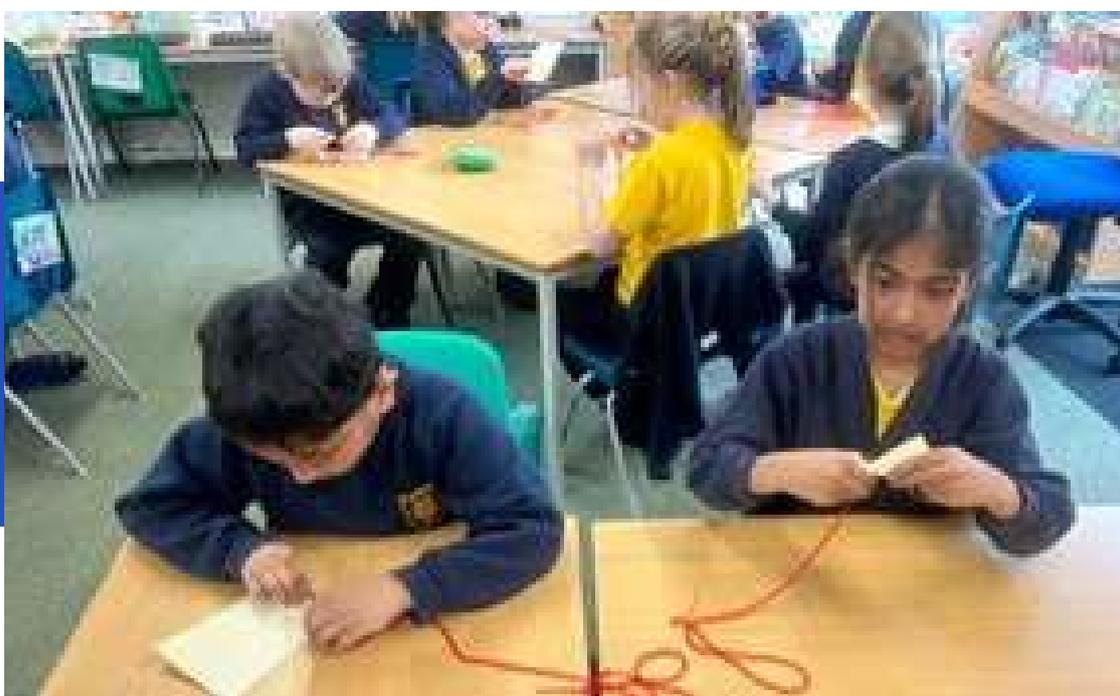


This week in Science, Year 2 have been learning about microhabitats. We went on a walk around school and found a variety of insects.



Class reminders

- Thursday 30th April - Beaver Class Assembly 9am
- Thursday 7th May - Windsor Castle Trip



Also, this week in Year 2 DT we have been learning how to sew! We showed determination and super team work by helping each other as well. In the final week of half term we will be making our glove puppets!



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 3 - Red Squirrel Class



Last Friday, Red Squirrel had a fantastic Roman workshop from Reading museum of Rural Life. They learnt all about Roman schooling, discovering how children were taught to read and write. They had the opportunity to read some ancient Roman scrolls and to write on wax boards or ceramic tiles using an ink and quill.

On Wednesday, Red Squirrel were able to visit the book fair exploring the new books that were available to them. Lots of them were very excited by the opportunity to get some new books and were excited for their new reading opportunities.



Class reminders

- Tuesday 24th March - Silchester Roman Town Trip
- Thursday 23rd April - Red Squirrel Class Assembly 9am



WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 4 - Hedgehog Class



Last Friday, Hedgehog class participated in a very exciting Romans workshop. They had the opportunity to feel and handle papyrus. They also had a go at writing on a Roman tablet and also on broken pottery using ink and Roman writing implements. Ask your children if they can remember and show you how the Romans wrote!



Class reminders

- Tuesday 24th March - Hedgehog Silchester Trip
- Thursday 26th March- End of term Production 9.30 am- Tickets available via your Arbor app.



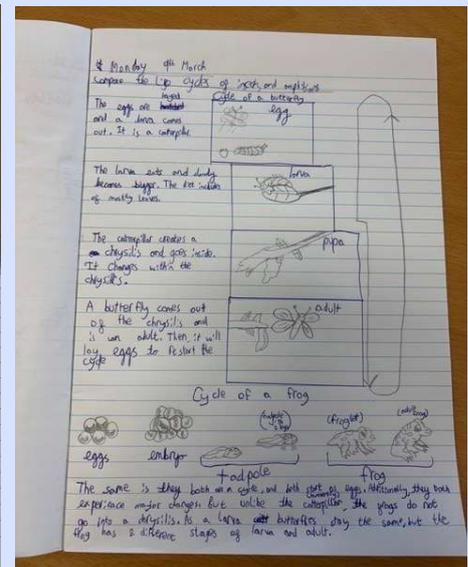
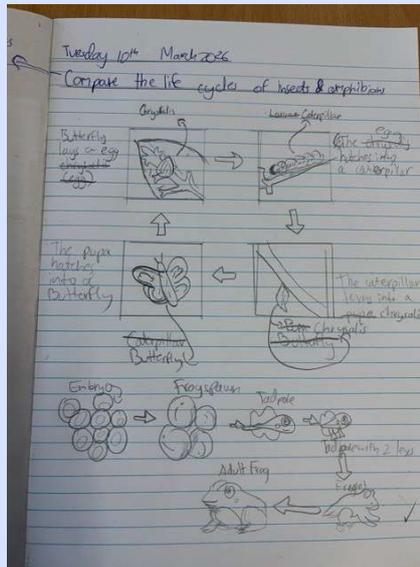
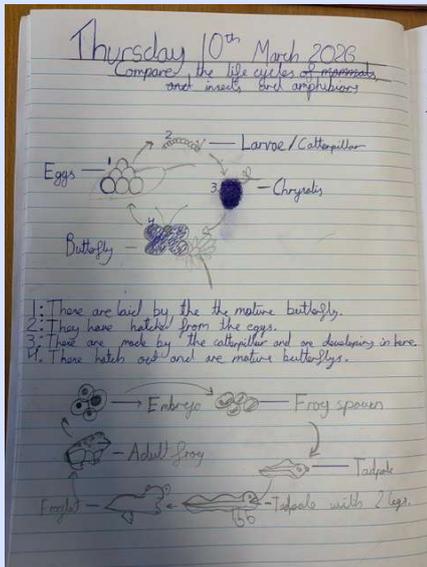
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Year 5/6 Badger



In UKS2 this week we have been learning about the life cycles of insects and amphibians to compare them. We were fascinated to discover that insects and amphibians both have four stages to their life cycle which also include metamorphosis. We challenged ourselves to draw these life cycles in our books and label them with the key information that we learnt.



Class reminders

- Thursday 23rd April - Red Squirrel Class Assembly 9am
- Monday 22nd June - Friday 26th June - Year 6 Residential

WEEKLY CLASS UPDATES...



Year 5/6 Grey Wolf



On Tuesday morning, Miss Gaynor led the Upper Key-stage 2 Assembly with the help of Grey Wolf class. Miss Gaynor shared the story of how her grandad Hansel moved to England from Jamaica and served in the RAF in WW2.

Grey Wolf class sang 3 Little Birds beautifully and they performed with sign language too! 'Don't worry about a thing, 'cause every little thing is gonna be alright!'





Grey Wolf have also been busy designing and making their Anderson shelters this week. They have used a mix of paper, card and papier mache. Next week they will be using clay to create miniature models to add to their designs.



Class reminders

- Parents' Evening - Tuesday 3rd March will now be held on Tuesday 24th March
- Parents' Evening - Thursday 5th March will now be held on Thursday 19th March
- Monday 22nd June - Friday 26th June - Year 6 Residential

OTHER NEWS



On Wednesday our 5/6 football team faced Nine Mile Ride in a Wokingham Cup game and won 2-1! Well done to all the players, on to the next round!

At the beginning of the year, Salena in Year 3 wrote a poem for BHM about her Afro Hair. Her poem was chosen to be published in a copy of the 'Black Hair and Skincare Guide' for Foster Parents.

This week Salena was provided a copy of the published guide, along with some flowers from Destiny who wrote the guide.



FLYERS

WOKINGHAM NETBALL CLUB

EASTER CAMP 2026

30TH MARCH - 2ND APRIL

9:30AM-3:30PM

U10-U13 (YEARS 5-8)

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£40 PER DAY

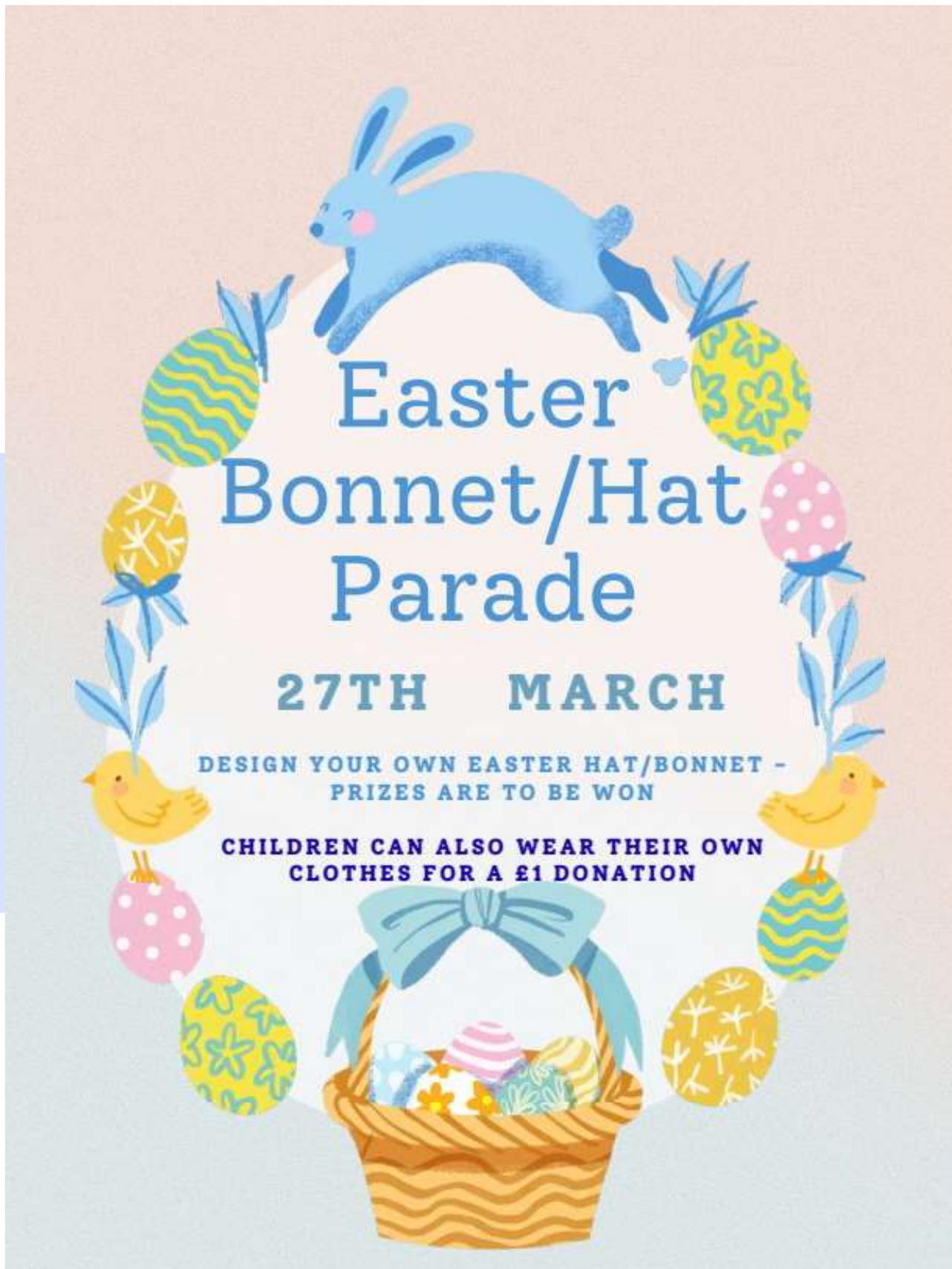
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What to expect:

- Action-packed sessions focusing on skills, games, and challenges
- A friendly, safe, and supportive environment
- Lots of FUN throughout the week!

If you'd like to secure a place or need more info, just let us know.

Looking forward to an amazing Easter of football fun!

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 ASD Family Help

All age
Spring Disco 

**Disco / Party Games / Squash / Tea & Coffee /
Party Snacks / Simple Craft Activity**

**Wednesday 8th April
5.15pm - 7pm**

Radstock Community Centre
Earley

Buy tickets online at:
<https://ASDFH-SpringDisco.eventbrite.co.uk>

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Ask for Mrs Jennifer Proud or Mrs Annette Lee (Administrative Assistants).

The school office is open from 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday.